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TAGS: WHO, PFOR, PORG, IS

SUBJECT: WHO ASSISTANCE TO PLO

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 6272, (B) STATE 119695

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION SINCE LAST MAY FOR RESPONSE TO ISRAELI QUERIES (REF A, PARA 1, ON SUBJECT, AND BELIEVES AN UPDATE AND FURTHER WORD OF CAUTION TO WHO ARE IN ORDER.

2. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT IN MAY WHO DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER, IN LAST MINUTE REPORT TO 29TH WHA (DOC 29/33)

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ANNOUNCED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1975 WHA RES. 28.35 AND

AFTER CONTACTS WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA AND DAMASCUS, HE HAD, INTER ALIA, "SENT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES INTENDED TO MEET THE MOST URGENT NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN POPULATION." US CONCERN AND REACTION TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WERE CONVEYED IN REF B. IN WHA RES 29.69 (WHICH US OPPOSED 29TH WHA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR DG'S EFFORTS AS REPORTED IN DOC 29/33 AND REQUESTED HIM "TO CONTINUE HIS COOPERATION WITH THE PLO CONCERNING THE RENDERING OF ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN POPULATION."

3. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM MAHLER WHAT FURTHER SPECIFIC STEPS HE HAS TAKEN OR MAY BE CONTEMPLATING IN THIS REGARD. MISSION SHOULD REITERATE RELEVANT POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAS 1-5 REF B. PARTICULAR STRESS SHOULD BE PLACED ON (1) STRONG US RESERVATIONS ABOUT WHO/PLO RELATIONSHIP WHETHER OR NOT AUTHORIZED BY WHA RESOLUTIONS, (2) OUR BELIEF, VOICED BY USDEL TO 29TH WHA, THAT UNRWA IS THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY FOR TAKING CARE OF HEALTH NEEDS OF ALL PALESTINIAN REFUGEES AND THAT ANY WHO ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE CHanneled THROUGH UNRWA, AND (3) OUR BELIEF THAT ANY ACTION THE DG TAKES IN REGARD TO PLO SHOULD BE DONE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF WHO MEMBERS. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE MAHLER'S PREROGATIVES AS DG, US BELIEVES THAT AVOIDING POSSIBLY SERIOUS DAMAGE TO US/WHO RELATIONSHIP IS A COMMONLY SHARED INTEREST. THEREFORE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO INFORM AND, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, DISCUSS WITH US IN ADVANCE HIS PLANS CONCERNING ANY FURTHER COLLABORATION WITH PLO.

4. MISSION SHOULD ALSO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO SEEK MAHLER'S VIEWS CONCERNING OUTLOOK FOR ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE AT NEXT YEAR'S WHA IN LIGHT OF WHA RES 29.69. LAST YEAR MAHLER HELPED FIND FORMULA PERMITTING COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO VISIT ISRAEL AND FILE REPORT. DOES HE HAVE ANY PLANS THIS YEAR FOR KEEPING ISSUE FROM BOILING OVER? (SEE REF A, PARA 2.) ROBINSON

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